

HOUSE No. 369

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen R. Canessa

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act concerning kindergarten and the mandatory minimum age for school attendance.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| Stephen R. Canessa | 12th Bristol |
| Christine E. Canavan | 10th Plymouth |
| John F. Quinn | 9th Bristol |
| Antonio F.D. Cabral | 13th Bristol |
| Robert M. Koczera | 11th Bristol |
| Paul McMurtry | 11th Norfolk |

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT CONCERNING KINDERGARTEN AND THE MANDATORY MINIMUM AGE FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 1B of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
- 2 amended by striking out the 20th paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-
- 3 The mandatory minimum age for school attendance will be that each child must attend school beginning
- 4 in September of the calendar year in which he or she attains the age of 5. Each school committee may
- 5 establish its own minimum permissible age for school attendance, provided that such an age is not older
- 6 than the mandatory minimum age. Each child will be required to attend a kindergarten education
- 7 program before entering into first grade.